

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: OSHLACK, Benjamin, et al.
Serial No.: To Be Assigned.
Filed: Herewith
For: **STABILIZED CONTROLLED RELEASE
SUBSTRATE HAVING A COATING
DERIVED FROM AN AQUEOUS
DISPERSION OF HYDROPHOBIC POLYMER**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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November 12, 2001

Sir:

Please amend the above referenced patent application prior to examination as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the title of the invention, on page 1, at line 5, please add the following paragraph:

- -This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/469,478, filed December 22, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/899,924, filed July 24, 1997, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/667,052, filed June 20, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,681,585, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/561,829, filed November 27, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,958,459, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/086,248, filed July 1, 1993, abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/814,111, filed December 24, 1991, now U.S. Patent No. 5,273,760, the disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference. - -

IN THE CLAIMS

Please **cancel** claims 21-38 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 21-28 have been canceled to reduce the amount of the filing fee for additional claims. No new matter has been added by virtue of these amendments.

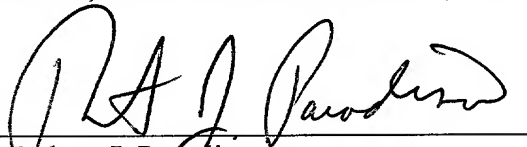
CONCLUSION

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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